AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4 and 5 without prejudice, amend claim 9, and add new claims 21-27. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended) A method for monitoring pain of a patient, said method comprising:

a) providing a patient communication device;

b) providing a data processor capable of communicating with the patient communication device;

c) delivering a pain questionnaire to the patient at each of a series of time points using the patient communication device to generate pain questionnaire results;

d) communicating the pain questionnaire results to the data processor; and

e) processing the pain questionnaire results using the data processor, thereby monitoring the pain of a patient,

wherein the pain questionnaire [[comprises]] is selected from the group consisting of a Visual Pain Analog Scale, a Visual Mood Analog Scale, a Pain Severity Scale and a Pain Relief Scale.

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (previously presented) A method for monitoring pain of a patient, said method comprising:

a) providing a patient communication device, wherein the patient communication device includes a heat beam dolorimeter;

b) providing a data processor capable of communicating with the patient communication device;

c) delivering a pain questionnaire to the patient at each of a series of time points using the patient communication device to generate pain questionnaire results;

d) communicating the pain questionnaire results to the data processor; and

e) processing the pain questionnaire results using the data processor, thereby monitoring the pain of a patient.

Claims 12-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (previously presented) A patient pain management system comprising:

a) a patient communication device comprising a patient device microprocessor effective for executing a pain questionnaire software application,

wherein the patient communication devise includes a heat beam dolorimeter; and

b) a data processor effective for automatically communicating with the patient communication device.

Claim 19 (previously presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the heat beam dolorimeter utilizes a sonar ranging sensor.

Claim 20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (new) The method of claim 9, wherein the pain questionnaire comprises at least two members selected from the group consisting of a Visual Pain Analog Scale, a Visual Mood Analog Scale, a Pain Severity Scale and a Pain Relief Scale.

Claim 22 (new) The method of claim 9, wherein the pain questionnaire comprises at least three members selected from the group consisting of a Visual Pain Analog Scale, a Visual Mood Analog Scale, a Pain Severity Scale and a Pain Relief Scale.

Claim 23 (new) The method of claim 9, wherein the pain questionnaire comprises a Visual Pain Analog Scale, a Visual Mood Analog Scale, a Pain Severity Scale and a Pain Relief Scale.

Claim 24 (new) The method of claim 9, wherein the patient communication device comprises a patient device microprocessor, wherein the communicating is performed automatically, and wherein the data processor is a separate processor from the patient device microprocessor.

Claim 25 (new) The method of claim 9, further comprising triggering an effector function based on the process pain questionnaire results.

Claim 26 (new) The method of claim 9, wherein the delivering of the pain questionnaire is performed by the patient without assistance of medical personnel.

Claims 27 (new) The method of claim 9, wherein the delivering of the pain questionnaire is performed other than as part of a pain-stimulation or sensory stimulation procedure, and without stimulating a pain response in the patient.